



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 25, 1893.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, March 25, 1893.

Beyond the inward march of scores of place hunters with their escorts of Senators and Representatives, there was little of interest at the White House today. The President's office was crowded constantly. To Congressmen who asked him concerning the position of pension commissioner and public printer, the President said he would not fill these offices for some time to come. It is certain that a number of candidates for the pension commissioner have already been rejected because they do not come within the requirements of Mr. Cleveland's expressed intention to appoint only a man of established business capacity against whose political reputation the charge of "bossism" has never been brought. The candidates for the commissioner are numerous, but the number is exceeded by the aggregate of those who want to be public printer. Tennessee alone has seven candidates for the latter office.

Baron de Aguiar de Andrada, Brazilian Minister in Washington, was stricken with apoplexy and paralysis last night and lies in the Arlington Hotel in a critical condition. The Baron had attended the performance of "The Mikado" at the National Theatre and fell just as he was descending the steps at the entrance to his exit from the building. A telegram has been received at the Treasury Department at Portland, Ore., stating that Deputy Collector Cornell and Inspector Armstrong at midnight Thursday had permitted 67 Chinese passengers to land there. Orders have been sent suspending the officials and directing a thorough investigation. The Treasury Department is also advised of the arrest at Deming, N. M., of five Chinese, who came from Mexico. These Chinamen, upon conviction, will be sent to San Francisco, then to be deported to China. Since the beginning of the present fiscal year 137 Chinamen have been returned to China. Last year 175 Chinamen were returned.

The rule agreed upon in Cabinet yesterday setting apart Tuesdays and Fridays of each week when heads of executive departments would not receive visitors, abolished all the special days selected by the several secretaries when they would work behind closed doors. This new rule, therefore, gives four days in each week on which visitors will be received at the several departments. The President has heretofore set aside Monday of each week for himself.

The office seekers here are in what may be called a decidedly mixed condition. There are a great many of them, but as the weather is mild so that they can scatter, the hotel lobbies are not crowded with them as they have been during the winter. The President and the cabinet ministers and some have not. The former, judging from what they say, have been politely received and patiently listened to, and so thankful are some of them for small favors and so sanguine that they consider such treatment as indicative of success. Others, on the contrary, are not satisfied, and say that their failure to receive any positive evidence of gaining their object indicates sure defeat, and are depressed accordingly. Then, too, the different orders on the same subject, and the different ways the same orders are construed by different members of the administration, confuse them mightily and tend to increase their uncertainty.

In addition to this, some of the Congressmen, Senators and Representatives alike, are so pressed by them, that in self-defense they hide themselves from them, and this naturally adds irritation to their discomfort, and, worst of all, as the days roll by the amount of their hotel and boarding house bills increases, so that altogether and as a whole they are not particularly happy, and to sooth their nerves many of them resort to the bars, and their misery thereby is increased next day. None of them knows whether or not he will be appointed, for, as has often happened during the last three weeks, nominations considered as good as made, have been changed within an hour before they were sent to the Senate. The Virginians seem to be in a more perturbed state than any of the others, probably because there are so many of them. That Mr. Cleveland thinks they are numerous is proved by the fact that the other day, when a delegation from Norfolk told him if he would come to Hampton Roads to witness the naval review, they would guarantee that not a Virginian would ask him for an office during his trip, he replied by asking if it were possible that there could be any more Virginian office-seekers than he had already seen? There are many for every one of the federal offices in their State, and nearly all of them have each other's endorsement, and a few have congressional endorsements, but not many, as most of their congressmen have declined to endorse until the committee have appointed to find out of what avail their endorsement will be. The report that Dr. Jas. W. McLane was to have waited upon the President to-day, but did not, and that they didn't add to their uneasiness, as it prolongs their uncertainty and expense. Altogether, things are not well with the office-seekers, and though few of them have as yet commenced cursing, there is no use in denying the fact that many have their mouths set that way.

A private telegram received here today from Mr. G. A. Muebach of Alexandria says that he is still an applicant for the office of internal revenue collector for the upper Virginia district, and that he will return from Norfolk in a day or two and press his claims for the place.

Now that the democrats have control of the government, a new order has been issued intended to prevent the removal of republican office holders. It includes the chiefs of department divisions and special agents within the operation of the civil service law. It is understood that President Cleveland intends to annul his predecessor's order imposing heavy duties on coffee and hides imported from Venezuela, Hayti and Colombia.

Congressman Bourke Cockran, who was thrown from his horse yesterday, will be out again in a day or two. Thirty-three democratic 4th class postmasters were appointed to-day, ten in place of removed republicans. Among the changes were the following in Virginia: Bristol, Prince William county, L. A. Free appointed postmaster vice J. R. Hornbaker, resigned; Boydton, Mecklenburg county, W. E. Moore, vice W. H. Hays, removed.

As anticipated, there will be no change in the executive offices of the Senate until the regular meeting of Congress, if then. The democrats have a majority of the members of the Senate, but as the republican minority objects to replacing republican officers with democrats, the democratic majority will not insist upon their right. They will present the names of their nominees to the Senate next week, but at the same time say that if the republicans intend to oppose their election by dilatory proceedings, they will not insist. This is just what was expected by those familiar with Congressional democratic politics. Having marched up the hill they will march down again.

Representative Edmunds of Virginia was informed at the Postoffice Department to-day that Charles Deane, of the Salem Register, would be appointed postmaster at that town. The office is worth \$2,100. Representative O'Ferrall finds that he has no more difficulty in having postmasters appointed in his district than he did during Mr. Cleveland's former administration. The committee appointed by the Virginia Congressional delegation to wait upon Mr. Cleveland and find out from him if the delegation's endorsement would have a controlling influence with him in his distribution of federal patronage in their State, were to have performed that mission to-day. The committee is composed of Messrs. O'Ferrall, Jones and Wise. They did not go, however, because Mr. O'Ferrall in a recent interview with the President told him they would not come unless he appointed a time for them to do so. During that interview Mr. Cleveland spoke very kindly of Mr. Goode, and expressed a desire to do something "handsome" for him.

Col. John Wolfe, editor of the Fredericksburg Free Lance, died at Providence Hospital here this morning. His remains were taken to Fredericksburg this afternoon and will be buried there to-morrow. The publication of the paper will be continued.

The application of Mr. R. C. Glascock of Virginia, for the office of superintendent of the bureau of printing and engraving, was filed at the Treasury Department to-day.

The French government has raised its mission here to the rank of an Embassy. It is believed that the rank of Mr. Ensis, the newly appointed minister to France, will be raised to that of an Ambassador.

The President will fill the position of consul at Glasgow, Scotland, by the appointment of Mr. Allan P. Morse, of Michigan.

## More Alleged Russian Outrages.

Louis Paradice, a sailor, who arrived at San Francisco from China on the Gaelic tells of a story of horrible treatment in Siberian prisons. He was a sailor on the sailing schooner, Mary H. Thomas, and with another sailor, named Wilson, went ashore on the coast of Kamchatka to fill water casks. A hurricane drove the schooner off and the men were left ashore. They had no provision and travelled inland to a camp of Russian soldiers. They were seized and accused of being spies. They were sent to Caracok, a convict station. Paradice tells of horrible cruelty inflicted on the prisoners there. Although Wilson and himself were roughly treated, they were not flogged as others were. There were about six thousand convicts at the station and every Wednesday those who had disobeyed rules during the week were given lashes with a knout.

A woman asked to become a mother was knotted and three hours later gave birth to a dead child. Of six thousand convicts in camp eighteen hundred were a half and chain. Many men were too feeble to walk and were dragged along by their companions. Soldiers would prod them with bayonets to make them move more quickly. The convicts were fed with black bread and raw salt meat. Finally Paradice and Wilson were taken to the Kara gold fields, a fifteen days' journey. They suffered frightfully from hunger and fatigue. Wilson gave out and had to be carried in a wagon. The U. S. ship Marion arrived at Vladivostok on the 22nd inst. and was informed by a merchantman of Paradice and Wilson's fate. The commander of the Marion demanded that the prisoners be given up and after considerable delay this was done. They were taken to Shanghai on the Marion and placed in a hospital. As soon as Paradice was able to travel he was sent to Hong Kong on the Gaelic and then sailed to San Francisco.

## Sudden Death of Col. E. F. Shepard.

Col. Elliot Fitch Shepard, editor of the New York Mail and Express, died suddenly yesterday afternoon at his home in that city. His death followed the administration of ether by Dr. Chas. McBurney and the family physician, Dr. J. W. McLean, who were about to make an examination to ascertain the cause of the colonel's suspicion that he was suffering from stone in the bladder was correct. He was 60 years old and a son-in-law of W. H. Vanderbilt. The funeral services will take place Tuesday at his late home, No. 2 West 52nd street. Rev. John Hall, of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, will conduct the services.

The physicians who administered the ether were interviewed this morning. Dr. McLane said: "I am not reticent because there is anything to conceal. The statement I have made already covers everything that is necessary to say." This is it: "Col. Shepard had arranged for an examination at the hands of Dr. Charles McBurney and Dr. Jas. W. McLean to ascertain if he had stone in the bladder, of which he gave symptoms. Dr. McLane is the family physician. They gave him ether at 1 o'clock. The first inhalation produced dangerous symptoms, and the administration was immediately stopped. He rallied under oxygen but at 4:01 o'clock he began to sink and died at twenty minutes after four of edema of the lungs." The certificate of Col. Shepard's death was sent to the health board to-day. The cause of death was given as inhalation of ether. Dr. Nagle, registrar, would not accept the certificate so worded and would not grant a burial permit. He sent the certificate to the coroner with orders that he make an investigation.

President Carnot's son Ernest has been denounced as an infamous falsehood in an intimation that he received money from the Panama Canal Company. A writ of expulsion has been served on Herr Brandes, who was the alleged author of the article alleging that Ernest has received a share of the Panama bribery money.

Senator Teller yesterday had an interview with Secretary Carlisle in regard to the International monetary conference, and was told by the Secretary that it had been definitely settled that the United States would send delegates to the conference, which will meet on May 30.

Col. Gibson gets a fall.—Col. J. Catlett Gibson came here, being seriously injured Wednesday night. He was returning from Washington on the fast train which passes here about midnight. The train derailed at this station, but the conductor had promised to slow up and let Col. Gibson jump off. It appears that the conductor did not slow up enough or the colonel jumped too soon and was injured severely though not seriously. He is able to be out now.—Outgoing Express.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

The British House of Commons last night passed by a vote of 216 to 229 a resolution that in the future all members be paid for their services in Parliament.

It is said that the engagement of Lord Rosebery and Princess Maud of Wales will be officially announced at the same time as that of the Duke of York and Princess Mary.

Ex-Congressman Watson was fined in the city court at Thomaston, his home in Georgia yesterday, for striking and drawing a pistol on railroad agent Palmer in a dispute about the payment of freight. Palmer, it is said, will bring a charge of carrying concealed weapons against Watson.

Five months ago Assistant Secretary of the Interior Bussey made a decision on the question of reimbursements for last sickness and burial expenses of pensioners, which reversed a ruling under which two millions of dollars have been wrongfully paid out. The decision only came to light yesterday.

The State Department has received official information that Queen Victoria has raised the rank of Sir Julian Pauncefote, her representative in Washington, from that of envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to that of ambassador, and that his credentials as such are on their way to Washington. Under the provisions of the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill of March 1, 1893, President Cleveland is authorized to confer the same rank upon our representative at London.

Baron Hastings has been fined in a London police court for acting indecently toward a girl in Regents Park. His Lordship, who is about 55 years of age, looked very much ashamed of himself as he was called up to answer the charge. The case has caused a great sensation, as Hastings moves in the Prince of Wales's circle, and the Princess of Wales's close sponsor for his daughter, Alexandra-Rhoda. The Baron is a captain of the Second Brigade of the Eastern Division of the Royal Artillery, and a justice of the peace for the county of Norfolk. He is married to a daughter of the fifth Lord Suffield, and has five children.

## To Suppress Gambling.

A dispatch from Norfolk says: "Several days ago Captain Muebach, of Alexandria, appeared in Norfolk and registered at the Atlantic Hotel. Captain Muebach remained in the city several days and left. Soon thereafter a New Yorker, who called himself John Miller, put in an appearance, and registered at the St. James. Both of these gentlemen were seen frequently in the vicinity of police shops. Their business in Norfolk was made known Thursday afternoon, when John Miller, who is a detective, called upon Justice East and asked for warrants for the arrest of Robert Taylor, Richard Lee and Thomas Corbin, charging them with conducting policy shops. The warrants were placed in the hands of officers and the places raided. Mr. Miller says Norfolk is the headquarters of the policy dealers on the Atlantic Coast from New York to Savannah; that drawings are made there twice a day; the numbers are sent by telegraph to Richmond, Alexandria, Petersburg, Lynchburg, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and other places, where branch offices are conducted. These telegrams are followed by printed circulars, stating that the numbers were drawn from the wheel of the Dismal Swamp Lottery Company, signed Robert Taylor, manager. For this service each of the branch houses gets \$150 per week. It will be remembered that the charter of the Dismal Swamp Lottery Company was revoked by the Legislature of Virginia, and that it is being continued in violation of law. Mr. Miller says he believes that the Norfolk officials know all about the business. He says that when the drawings take place the shops are filled with men, women and children, who, as soon as they fail to strike a combination at one shop, rush off pell-mell to enter their numbers at another shop in a different locality. When the cases come to trial Capt. Muebach will come to Norfolk and assist in the prosecution."

The policy-shop men arrested on Thursday night were yesterday sent on to court and held fixed at \$500 each, which they gave.

The Norfolk Ledger in reference to the examination says: "J. Miller, a detective of Washington, was a witness. He said he was acting for State Senator Muebach, in ferreting out vice and crime [Senator Muebach is attorney for an anti-gambling society in New York, it is said]; that he, the witness, had had his eye on this place for three months; had been in the place, made investments, and won nothing; saw there people, including boys and girls, who in order to play the game were denying themselves food, and, not realizing a cent on the dollar invested; that he had concluded it was time to stop it. During his visits to the prison he found Mr. Taylor, one of the prisoners at the bar, in charge, and Mr. Moore, also a prisoner at the bar, he had discovered was a 'writer' in the game. He did not recognize Mr. Sawyer as having been connected with the place."

Captain Muebach has been in Norfolk himself recently looking after this matter, but Mr. Miller swore out the warrant on which Thursday night's raid was made. It is fair to presume that there is an element of the population of Norfolk who haven't to-day a very kindly feeling for either Detective Miller or Senator Muebach, the authors of such a clever piece of work—as the public is likely to look at it, whatever the motive that prompted it (the motive has been questioned in Norfolk to-day). The general verdict is that Thursday night Norfolk's moral was reached (with valuable official assistance) a shore that needed washing badly—that it broke very nearly around the centre of responsibility for all of the vice and crime in Norfolk.

Judge Brooke, of the Corporation Court, received the following telegram from Captain Muebach.

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Judge Brooke: Please call special grand jury to indict policy cases. I will be in court to assist prosecution if the day is fixed after April 1st. I am now, and until then will be, engaged in important cases in Washington.

GEO. A. MUEBACH.

Judge Brooke said that it was likely that his reply to Captain Muebach would be that it was not practicable to call a special grand jury as desired, owing to the fact that he is now in the midst of a criminal term, and that the April term is a quarterly term, while not to call a special jury would cause but little delay, the next regular grand jury term being in May.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

The work of J. Douglas Woodward, a young artist from Richmond, is attracting attention in New York.

Miss Harriet Keigh, daughter of the late John Keigh of Leesburg, died at her home in that town, on Thursday night last.

Miss Sarah Cogan died at her home, near Auburn, Fauquier county, in the 55th year of her age, and was buried at Oak Dale Baptist Church on the 16th inst.

Addison Rouse, a negro who had broken into J. W. Harris's store a few nights ago in Fredericksburg, was arrested Thursday night. Many of the stolen articles were found on him.

The wife of ex-mayor Collins, of Portsmouth, died in Brooklyn recently, and it is stated the husband, who had been separated from her for years, was not permitted to attend the funeral.

It is proposed to test the question of Virginia control of Pocumoke sound in the Virginia court at Drummondtown on Monday. Virginia State vessels are assisting the Maryland fishery force in marking the water boundary.

Rev. J. F. Love, lately assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church of Baltimore, has been engaged to supply the pulpit of the First Baptist Church of Roanoke until a pastor is secured, in place of Rev. O. F. Flippo, resigned.

The State board of health, the members of which were recently appointed by the Governor and which was organized in Richmond Thursday night, yesterday appointed a committee to draft an address to the people asking for contributions to carry on the work for which that body was created.

W. J. Cussens, of Richmond, who died a few days ago with life insurance to the amount of \$82,000, in his will, probated yesterday, left small sums of money to several of his old employees, \$1,000 each to the Baptist, Methodist, and Episcopal churches in that locality, and \$25,000 to his intended bride.

Thomas Nelson, ex-mayor of Cape Charles City, was arraigned before court at Eastville yesterday morning to answer the third indictment against him for having embezzled the Episcopal Church funds of that city.

The jury was out only a short time, returning a verdict of guilty, and the judge promptly sentenced the ex-mayor to two years in the penitentiary.

Judge McLaughlin, in Staunton yesterday, appointed James W. Rumble, president of the Grotto Company, and John W. Rumble, of Buena Vista, receivers for the Grotto Company. The liabilities are \$18,000 and the estimated assets about \$20,000. The application for receivers was made by the company, the object being to secure payment to creditors ratably without preference.

The Loudoun Telephone says: "Mr. Max Capari, a gentleman from Wisconsin (we believe), who purchased a farm near Leesburg last season and proposed to go into the fine stock business, sold his personal effects last week and left, and a northern gentleman who was building an immense horse barn in the suburbs of that town has abandoned the project, with the building nearly completed. The contractors, Norris Bros., have not been paid and will, of course, try to get their money out of the building."

The dwelling of Dr. J. H. Gautier, near Wide-Water, on the Potomac in Stafford county, was burned a few days ago with its contents, the occupants escaping in their night clothes. Dr. Gautier, who is a wealthy gentleman from New York city, went down about ten days ago with his family and a party of friends and expected to remain a month to enjoy the duck shooting. Mrs. Gautier lost her diamonds, valued at \$2,000, and several fine watches belonging to gentlemen in the party were also burned.

THIRD SET OF TRIPLETS.—The many admirers of Mrs. Ellsworth Miller, of Cold Springs, N. Y., who holds the world's record in the matter of multiple child-bearing, will be gratified to learn that she has just presented her husband with triplets—two boys and a girl. This brings her record for triplets up to three sets, and her total up to 16. She was married on October 10, 1883, nine years and five months ago, and she is now 31 years old. She has seven living children, including the three whom she has just borne. Mrs. Miller inherited her tendency to fecundity. Her grandmother's sister gave birth to two sets of quintuplets, dying with the second set. The bereaved husband married a sister of his late wife, who gave birth to three sets of twins. Mrs. Miller's mother died nothing more remarkable than to bear one set of twins. But the impulse which lay dormant for a generation broke out in Mrs. Miller with redoubled energy.

Her record stands at three sets of triplets, three sets of twins, and two single births. Mrs. Miller is young yet, and there is no reason why she should despair of equaling the splendid performances of her grandaunt. She is a strong, healthy woman, reserved, and very domestic. She is quite proud of her achievements, as she may well be in these days of small families and women rebelling against the duties of motherhood. Her remarkable career was foretold by a gipsy fortune teller when she was still the blithe Miss Avery. The prediction of the gipsy was: "You will have three sets of children. Your progeny will be numerous as the sands of the sea."

Mrs. Miller told this prediction a year ago last January. She had then borne only two sets of triplets, although the prophecy of three sets of twins had been fulfilled. The joyful additions to her family a few days ago complete the prophecy of triplets. There only remains the fulfillment of the indefinite "besides other children," and therein lies her hope of quintuplets, sextuplets, and the like.

A MAD DOG.—In the Chestnut Fork neighborhood on Wednesday a dog owned by H. C. Pendleton bit his youngest son and then made its way to the public school house, located at the forks of Eldorado and Chestnut Fork roads, and the door being open, went in and bit young Imboden Hawkins, a son of John C. Hawkins, and also bit a child of Mrs. Murphy. Mr. Hawkins has taken his son to Loudoun county to apply a mad dog to the wound. The dog bit a dog belonging to Mr. Hawkins which has since been killed. Mr. Pendleton says he will also apply the stone to his son. He is the owner of the dog and contends that it is not rabid, and says he will keep it tied up, intimating that if killed the parties bitten would think it was mad sure enough.—Outgoing Express.

## METHODIST CONFERENCE.

At yesterday's session in Front Royal of the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church South, Dr. J. D. Barber, of Nashville, Tenn., spoke in the interest of the publishing house, and stated that there is but one part of the work which is not self-sustaining—the Quarterly Review.

The name of S. J. Sarvar, whose application for admission on trial was withdrawn on Thursday, was again taken up, and he was admitted. The following were elected to deacons' orders: John L. Grant, Wm. H. Marsh, Robert L. Fultz, Charles M. Sarvar, John C. Hank, A. C. Hammill, Oscar W. Lusby, James H. Wells. This class was received into full connection this morning. The name of Samuel D. Bennington was referred to the committee on memoirs. Considerable discussion arose as to the time for holding the memorial service. A vote was taken, and it was decided to hold the meeting in Monday morning at eleven o'clock.

A communication was read from B. W. Waters, formerly of this conference, now presiding elder in charge of work in Japan. He writes from Hiroshima, and in the district the membership has increased from 399 to 524. Sunday school scholars from 902 to 1,535, the theological students from 17 to 25. He further states that the Buddhist priests have seriously interfered with the work during the fall and winter, but the difficulty is being surmounted.

The report of the board of education of Randolph Macon College shows a good measure of prosperity. Forty-six ministerial students are now enrolled. Fifteen or twenty thousand dollars are yet needed to complete the payment of the debt on Randolph-Macon Academy, at Front Royal. A resolution was included in the report to raise \$50,000 through this conference during this year, \$30,000 to be used in the endowment of a chair of Biblical literature at Randolph-Macon College, \$10,000 for the liquidation of the debt on Front Royal Academy, and \$10,000 for Wesleyan Female Institute. An amendment was offered, and carried, to give one-fifth of the amount raised to Wesleyan Female Institute. The report was adopted.

Dr. W. W. Smith, president of the Randolph-Macon system, made a speech on behalf of the educational interest in the Southland. He stated that six years ago the trustees of Randolph-Macon College represented \$89,000; now \$665,000. Two hundred thousand dollars were raised for the Woman's College, at Lynchburg, from outside sources, so that the young women are offered precisely the same advantages at this college as the men.

Hon. J. H. H. Figgatt, a trustee of Wesleyan Female Institute, addressed the conference on behalf of that institution. Rev. Collins Denny also addressed the conference on the subject, urging that immediate measures be taken to relieve the present indebtedness, and also for its further improvement. Dr. J. H. Boyd, chairman of the joint board, reported a deficit of \$500, which was raised in a few minutes, thus paying claims in full.

The report of Committee on Conference Relations was read and adopted. The following were recommended for supernumerary relations: J. W. Boteler, E. L. Kregloe, J. J. Engle, A. P. Bond, A. B. Martin, W. K. Boyle and L. H. Crenshaw.

For Supernumerary Relations—Francis M. Mills, David Thomas, Nelson Head, George Stevenson, J. H. Waugh, J. W. Tongue, J. M. Grandin, Robert Smith, C. G. Linticum, J. H. Temple, F. A. Mercer, Aaron Boone, Wm. Hedges, M. G. Balthis, Wesley Hammond, Robert Ross, H. W. Kinzer, J. W. Woolf, James M. Follansbee, Wm. A. Wade.

Report of Committee on District Conference Records was read and adopted. Orations were delivered by Drs. W. W. Smith, B. W. Bond and J. A. Kern. The missionary anniversary was held last night.

## A Reminiscence.

To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette.—The article in yesterday's issue of the GAZETTE headed "No News from the Deep," in which the old negro, with the usual sagacity of which some of them are possessed, and particularly those of the old time stock, endeavors to extricate himself from an affront given the fishmonger in the market, recalls to my mind an incident that occurred when I was a boy. In the country village, where I lived, was an old butcher. On one occasion a chum and myself happened in his room and while there the servant man, who usually waited on him (when he was otherwise engaged), during the time various calls were made for his services. Selecting an opportunity when he thought the old gentleman would not hear him he indulged in a remark to us in a low tone of voice, that he never received any pay for what he did. This, however, did reach his ears, and in a harsh manner he said to him: "Did you say that I would not pay you for your services?" "No, Mars William, I didn't say you wouldn't pay me." "Well, what did you say?" "I said I never speak of it, suh."

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## COULD NOT LIVE A PAUPER.—EX

Avery.—Cousin John Meighan, of Hoboken, N. J., committed suicide shortly after 12 o'clock yesterday by jumping from the ferryboat Morristown, of the Hoboken ferry. Meighan's body was recovered by a passing tug and taken to Hoboken.

Thursday night Meighan appeared at police headquarters in Hoboken and asked the privilege of sleeping there all night, as he said he had no other place to go. He was very despondent and said that he did not think he would live long in his poverty-stricken condition. He was allowed to remain at police headquarters all night, and went away Friday morning. The police did not hear anything of him again until his suicide was reported. Meighan was an old resident of Hoboken, and was formerly a prominent officer in the city. He at one time was well off, and his estate is said to have been worth \$100,000 before he lost all in unfortunate speculations. Meighan was 52 years old and a veteran of the war.

COURT OF APPEALS IN RICHMOND YESTERDAY.—Richmond and Danville Railroad Company against Yeaman. Further argued and submitted.

Borst against Nelson and Chapman against Chapman and others. Continued.

Hutchings, administrator, against Commercial Bank of Danville. Argued and submitted.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

Talesmen Fined.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Recorder Smyth yesterday imposed fines aggregating about \$20,000 on talesmen summoned for examination in the Buckanan murder case, who had failed to answer to the summons when called to be questioned concerning their qualifications as jurors. The recorder has been irritated since early in the week at the slowness with which a jury was being secured and at the frequent necessity of ordering extra panels. When the hour for adjournment arrived last night and only eleven jurors had been secured after five days' effort no less than 219 talesmen had been examined. Besides these men who had answered to their names, almost an equal number had ignored the summons. Accordingly, Recorder Smyth stated that he imposed a fine of \$100 upon each of the talesmen who had failed to answer to their names after they had twice been called.

## Stir in the Southern Society.

NEW YORK, March 25.—The reception given on Thursday night by the Southern Society to Mrs. Pickett and Mrs. Custer has caused a considerable stir in the society, and there is talk of several members tendering their resignation. Some members say that it is carrying the blending of the blue and the gray a little too far for southern people to unite in honoring the widow of Gen. Custer; that there are many Generals of the Union army whom they would be as ready to honor as they would to honor the memories of Lee and Jackson, but they must enter a protest against any honor being shown to the memory of Gen. Custer by the Southern Society, as the members are aware of the bad favor in which he is held by every southern woman who has heard of his barbarous cruelties to southern women and children during the war.

## Bursting of a Dam.

SENTINEL, Ariz., Mar. 25.—Thursday morning a head of water from nine to eleven feet high struck the dam under construction by the South Gila Canal Company with such force as to carry away part of the masonry work, piling pumps, pile drivers, etc. It reached the dam and bounded over, carrying on its breast trees, timber, lumber, barrels and debris of every kind. Cattle, horses and other animals were swept by, having been caught in the raging flood on the bottom lands from above. No casualties are known, but great damage to property is claimed, which falls principally on settlers and ranchers. This part of Arizona is an expansive desert, through which the Gila river flows. Some are of the opinion that where the flood passed in the night many lives were lost.

## Jefferson Davis's Remains.

NEW ORLEANS, Mar. 25.—Mayor J. Taylor Ellison, of Richmond, Va., arrived in this city yesterday and held a conference with General Glynn and staff of the Louisiana division of Confederate Veterans upon the removal of the remains of Jefferson Davis to Richmond. The details as to the date of the removal, the composition of the escort, &c., will be agreed upon at another conference this afternoon. Mayor Ellison says that the re-interment will take place in Hollywood cemetery, at Richmond, on May 30. The plot has been selected by Mrs. Davis and will be reserved for the Davis family. The Louisiana division will have charge of the ceremonies at New Orleans and Lee Camp at Richmond.

## Thursday's Storms.

CHICAGO, Mar. 25.—A special to the Herald from Memphis, says: The damage done by Thursday's cyclone in the Mississippi Valley is enormous. While the loss of life is not as great as at first reported damage to property will reach \$2,000,000. The telegraph wires are still demoralized and reports are coming in from the storm districts and it will be several days before the full extent of the disaster will be known. The death list foots up 18 while the hundreds of injured will run up into the hundreds. The path of the storm was about a mile wide. The several towns yesterday mentioned as lying in the track of the storm were nearly wiped off the face of the earth.

## No Death of Gold.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 25.—United States Treasurer Jackson states that the banks yesterday offered to exchange nearly a million dollars worth of gold for notes, receiving the latter at New York at no expense to the government. Mr. Jackson at once telegraphed the tender to Secretary Carlisle who replied that it must be declined, as no death of gold now exists.

## List of Unclaimed Letters.

The following is a list of the letters remaining in the Alexandria, Va., postoffice March 25.

Persons calling for letters will please pay attention to the following:

Advertised letters not called for within two weeks will be sent to the dead letter office.

Brent, George Lively, E. T. Bradshaw, Peyton Morris, George A. Bush, William T. Parnell, Miss Carrie Child, John H. Riddell, W. B. Chase, R. D. Robinson, W. R. Conaway, Mrs. Mollie Hudson, W. F. Franklin, John Sisson, Mrs. E. C. Graves, Charlie Stone, Fred Hall, E. T. Swanson, Henry Jackson, Mrs. Lavina Williams, Mrs. J. B. Williams.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Brightwood Hotel Company. The Volta Graphophone Co. 3

PARK AGNEW, P. M.

DIED.

March 23rd, at her home near Spring, Montgomery county, Md., Mrs. F. S. CHANDLER, mother of Mrs. F. S. Chandler of this city, in the 75th year of her age.